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NEW ORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR



KDHE is pleased to announce that Dr. Katherine Weno has accepted the position of Oral Health Director. Dr. Weno comes from Missouri where she has served as a legal advocate on behalf of families accessing the state's Medicaid expansion (CHIP) program. Prior to that, she served in a private dental practice in Iowa.

Dr. Weno started with the agency on April 10. She will be working to expand dental coverage in Kansas, to increase the availability of providers, and to promote policies that improve the oral health status of all Kansans. Dr. Weno's unique background will contribute in helping to make advances in oral health.

Celebrate

**National Nurses
Day and Week**

May 6-12

WABAUNSEE 4-H BICYCLE RODEO

*Written by Christian Schultz, 4-H Member
Submitted Janet Wertzberger, Administrator,
Wabaunsee County Health Department*



A bicycle rodeo focusing on safety was held at the Alma Grade School on Saturday, April 8. The rodeo was the product of much planning and preparation on the part of the Wabaunsee 4-H Club Community Service Committee, the Wabaunsee County Health Department, and the Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee County Safe Kids Coalition. The town's young cyclists participated in many activities that promote safe cycling. Nearly 20 children completed all of the available activities.

After registering to participate, the would-be cyclists were ushered to the helmet fitting station which was organized by Sue Palenske, Safe Kids Coalition safety technician. Helmets were inspected to insure that the design was approved by one of the three major testing agencies and to determine that the helmets were in good condition. Children whose helmets did not meet accepted standards received a new helmet provided by the Kansas Safe Kids Coalition. Regardless if the helmet was new or old, adjustments were made to ensure that the helmet was fitted correctly for each child. Each bicycle was inspected to ensure that it was adjusted to fit the child, that all the parts were in working order and that the safety equipment was in place. Some minor adjustments were made and parents received 'referrals' for more challenging fixes to a professional full-service repair shop.



Cyclists learned the "Rules of the Road" from Wabaunsee County Undersheriff Darrin Stewart. The children were reminded that they should be visible, ride predictably, and obey all traffic signs. Undersheriff Stewart also showed some of the most common situations that result in bicycle accidents. To reinforce these lessons, the cyclists rode through a series of streets made with sidewalk chalk and traffic cones. Christian Schultz assisted the undersheriff by modeling safe riding skills including the proper use of hand signals. Participants were allowed to ride through the streets as often as they liked- as long as they followed the 'Rules of the Road.'

Participants received a certificate along with other materials to remind them about safe cycling. Local businesses provided support for the bike rodeo, including the Pathfinder Outdoor Store, Stockgrowers State Bank, Kansas Farm Bureau, and the First National Bank of Wamego - Alma branch.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR AT THOMAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Juanita Gatz, ARNP-CNS, FNP, became the new administrator at Thomas County Health Department in January. Prior to this appointment Juanita provided primary care as a family nurse practitioner in local clinics in northwest Kansas for 13 years. Gatz is a graduate of West Texas A & M University with a master's degree in nursing and Marymount College in Salina with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Juanita's 20 years of nursing experience prior to becoming a nurse practitioner included director of student health and nursing educator at Colby Community College; Health Promotion Coordinator at Citizens Medical Center, Colby; Medical Research and Consulting, Topeka; Staff nurse in high risk labor and delivery, Lincoln, NE; Operating room nurse, Topeka; Neuro-trauma nurse at the Swedish Medical Center, Englewood, CO; Cancer nurse at MD Anderson, Houston, TX; and active duty nurse at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, CA during the Vietnam War, along with repatriation of U.S. prisoners of war.

Juanita is married to an attorney. They have three children, ages 20, 18 and 16.

2006 GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE



Over 300 attendees participated in the 2006 Governor's Public Health Conference, "Public Health in Kansas - Taking Steps Together," held April 11 - 13 at the Wichita Hyatt Regency Hotel. The opening day was highlighted with a Color Guard and singing of the National Anthem. Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Roderick Bremby, Secretary of KDHE, and Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Director of Health at KDHE, each gave opening addresses. Multiple breakout sessions were available to participants during the three-day conference.



The keynote lunch speaker for Wednesday, April 12 was Terie Dreussi Smith, MA, Ed, OCPH. Her topic was *"Generations of Poverty and Why They Do What They Do."* The success of the conference was a collaboration of partners including: Office of Local and Rural Health and Maternal Child Health, KDHE; Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA); Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD); WALD; KU School of Medicine - Wichita; Heartland Center for Public Health Education & Training and Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness.



CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR A CHANGING WORLD



Emporia is now at the center of a cultural change: new Somali meatpacking workers have moved from Nebraska to work at Tyson's Fresh Meats in Emporia. Many social service staff that work at SRS, Newman Regional Health Center, Lyon County Court and other agencies are striving to learn as much as they can about the cultural practices of this new ethnicity so that they can provide quality services.

"Language differences are just one factor in understanding a new culture," said Abdul Bakar, a Somali case manager who works at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in Kansas City. For example, he said, "When an older Somali person describes stomach pain, he or she may not use words like 'strong' or 'severe,' instead, he or she will use poetic or abstract words because they are talking to a doctor. A pain on the left side would feel 'like a spear had entered my right shoulder all the

way to the other side of my stomach.'" Abdul was a guest speaker at a training presented by JVS trainer Raul Guerrero as part of a two-day session on cultural competency sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"Understanding the Somali way of looking at health is essential to providing good care," Abdul said. The most critical factor is professional interpreting, he emphasized. It is impossible for a social service worker or doctor to assist a Somali family without an interpreter trained to follow the interpreter's code of ethics and provide an accurate interpretation. Someone who is not trained as an interpreter may miss important nuances in language that could lead to a dangerous misdiagnosis.

Raul Guerrero also works as a Spanish interpreter and teaches, "Bridging the Gap," a five-day training in medical and social services interpreting for foreign language interpreters. At this cultural competency training, he led the group in understanding not only Somali culture, but also the significant aspects of Hispanic culture and the cultures of other ethnicities that have moved to Kansas in recent years. In addition, the group learned about Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act Case that requires federally funded institutions to provide equal access to health care and services for all limited-English proficient persons. Compliance requires that interpreters must be made available at no cost to the client; translated materials must be offered, and appropriate signage must be visible.

KDHE offers trainings in Cultural Competency and Bridging the Gap at six sites across the state. The next Cultural Competency training will be held in Wichita on May 10 and 11; in Holton on May 24 and 25; and Salina on June 13 and 14. One more session of "Bridging the Gap" will be held on June 5 -9 in Manhattan. If you would like a training offered in your community, be sure to contact Cathy Anderson (JVS) at 816-471-2808 before June 30.

Over the course of two days, the group of 13 listened to Abdul's description of some of the major differences in Islamic culture. Questions from area social service staff about cultural practices, understanding of health care, and other issues were the focus of a cultural competency training in Emporia on April 12 and 13.



HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE 2006



The second Annual Health Disparities Conference was held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Maner Conference Center in Topeka on Friday, April 14. Approximately 200 participants attended the conference. Dr. David Williams was the keynote speaker this year. Williams is at the University of Michigan where he serves as the Harold W. Cruse Collegiate Professor of Sociology, a Senior Research Scientist at the Institute for Social Research and a Professor of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health. He is also a Faculty Associate in the Center for Afro-American and



African Studies and the program of Research on Black Americans. Previously, he was an Associate Professor of Sociology, Yale University, and Associate Professor of Public Health, Yale School of Medicine. Williams hold a master's degree in public health from Loma Linda University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan.

There were four breakout sessions during the day with a variety of topics to choose from. During the luncheon a Community Champion Award was given to Arturo Ponce, AIDS Director for Minority HIV/AIDS Prevention Program at United Methodist Western Kansas Mexican-American Ministries in Garden City. Several Community Champion Honorable Mention Awards were presented to outstanding persons who work to provide clients with better access to health care. Robert Stiles, Regional Case Manager for the Migrant Farmworker Program, Office of Local and Rural Health, KHDE, received one of the Community Champion Honorable Mention Awards.



PENNY SELBEE RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS OF SERVICE

Penny Selbee retired Friday, March 31 as the Maternal Child Health Division Manager for the Shawnee County Health Agency (SCHA), ending a public health nursing career that lasted 42 years. She spent her entire four-decade plus career with SCHA and has served as part of the Management Team since 1996.



Selbee, a native Kansan from Topeka, received her Bachelors Degree in Nursing from the University of Kansas in 1964. While in nurses' training, she found that maternal child nursing and psychiatric



nursing were her favorite areas of learning. Her final rotation in training was public health and she discovered that all of the things that fulfilled her most as a nurse could be combined in this area of service.

Selbee began working for SCHA shortly after graduation and has spent her entire professional career of 42 years with the Health Agency. Selbee remembers being mentored early in her career by Alice Jensen who was the Director of Nursing until 1976. By being surrounded by stellar public health personnel early in her professional career, she was inspired and motivated.

For about four years, when Selbee's children were small, she was not on payroll but served contractually as Coordinator of Expectant Parents' Classes and Nurse Assessor at well baby clinics across the county. She also served as the County STD nurse for one year—working 10 hours a week.



Selbee spent 12 years (1973-1985) providing school nursing services in two different school districts that contracted with SCHA for services. Three projects that were special to her during those years were the *Kick the Habit* sessions that were designed to help teen smokers give up tobacco use, the *School Wellness Assessment Program (SWAP)* and weekly support groups for parenting teens.



The last 20 years of her career has been spent in the SCHA as part of the management team. She served as the Maternal Child Health Nursing Team Leader from 1986 through 1996 before becoming Division Manager. One of Selbee's favorite quotes is from Garrison Keillor who said, "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted."

At her retirement party on March 31, more than 200 colleagues, staff, friends, family and local and state officials joined in wishing Selbee a happy retirement. Surprise guests greeted Selbee; her son and daughter-in-law flew in from Atlanta for the occasion. Her daughter, son-in-law and grandson were also present. Shawnee County Commissioners Vic Miller and Ted Ensley presented Selbee with a plaque honoring her for her dedicated service to Shawnee County. Short presentations to Selbee were also made by Anita Hodge, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Kate Hamilton, United Way of Greater Topeka; Dr. John Evans, Stormont-Vail HealthCare; and SCHA Maternal Child Health Team Leaders: Kay Powell, Bonnie Gonzales and Diane Moore.



MARY WASHBURN RETIRES



After 21 years with KDHE's Nutrition and WIC Services, Mary Washburn retired on March 31. Washburn served as the state's nutrition services coordinator and breastfeeding coordinator for 17 years. She has been a

mentor to WIC staff throughout the state is a tireless leader and advocate for breastfeeding.



During her tenure with Nutrition and WIC Services, Washburn has been awarded the USDA's Food and Nutrition Services Administrator's Citation for research and documentation of nutritional risk criteria and the Administrator's Citation for the development of a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program and Training Manual. Washburn completed training as a certified breastfeeding educator and was instrumental in establishing a lactation room in the Curtis State Office Building. She



helped draft legislation that guarantees that breastfeeding women can breastfeed anywhere they have the right to be. The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 2284 and was signed into law by the Governor on March 6.



In 2005, she was the first person from Kansas to receive the National WIC Association's Leadership Award. Washburn has been active in many professional organizations, including the American Dietetic Association, the Topeka Dietitians Journal Club, and the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors. She looks forward to spending time with her husband Lynn, her children and grandchildren.



SEEKING APPLICANTS

The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute is seeking applicants for its fourth training cycle, 2006-2007. The year-long cycle will begin with an orientation session following the Kansas Public Health Association conference in Topeka in September.

The KPHLI provides competency-based leadership training to public health professionals from around the state. Through four quarterly training sessions, scholars hear renowned speakers and complete directed readings and reflective writings in consultation with a mentor.

The training cycle culminates in the development and presentation of an applied public health capstone project.

Potential scholars must complete an application form, a biosketch/statement of interest, and provide a letter of professional recommendation. Full application instructions can be found on the KPHLI website in a PDF of the Cycle IV application brochure (<http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/scholars.html#CycleIV>).

For further information about the KPHLI application process, contact KPHLI Coordinator Theresa St.Romain at tstromain@kumc.edu. Applications should be completed and submitted to Dr. Suzanne Hawley, KPHLI Program Director, no later than August 11.



JOB OPENING



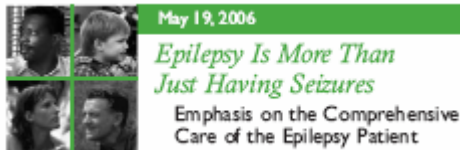
The Public Health Department of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS is seeking a full time RN to work in the Maternal/Child Health Division. Primary work area will be Family Planning/Prenatal. Will also be cross-trained for Childhood Immunizations. Duties include nursing assessments, counseling, and follow-up of patients.

Will provide medications and patient care management per protocol. Must be self-motivated, able to work with a diverse client population, work in a team setting, and exercise judgment and refer clients as needed. Bilingual Spanish/English desirable. 40-hour week M-F includes Thursday evening clinic. Candidate must be a graduate of an accredited school of professional nursing and licensed to practice nursing in Kansas, and provide proof of malpractice insurance. Must reside in Wyandotte County or relocate within 12 months. Excellent benefits. Starting salary: \$43,472.04/year. EOE

Submit your resume or apply to: Unified Government, Human Resources Room 646, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, fax: 913-573-5006, or email: jobs@wycokck.org.

CONFERENCES

Epilepsy is More Than Just Having Seizures



On May 19, the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita will host the 2006 CME Symposia of "Epilepsy is More Than Just Having Seizures"-Emphasis on the Comprehensive Care of the Epilepsy Patients. The program will be held from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Roberts Amphitheater of the medical school.

At the symposium:

- ❖ World-renowned speaker Dr. Martha Morrell of Stanford University will bring the latest and most up to date treatments in epilepsy and neuroscience.
- ❖ Patricia Gibson from Wake Forest University is another nationally known speaker who dedicates her life to improving the care of epilepsy patients worldwide by implementing a comprehensive approach to the care of patients.
- ❖ Dr. Connie Marsh and Dr. Angelia Paschal will bring exciting updates in Public Health and the often missed diagnosis of Depression in Epilepsy.

Brochure information: <http://wichita.kumc.edu/postgrad/brochures/epilepsy2006.pdf>. To print registration form: <http://wichita.kumc.edu/postgrad/brochures/epilepsy2006printreg.pdf>. Online registration site: <http://wichita.kumc.edu/postgrad/brochures/epilepsy2006reg.html>

Speaking a Common Language: The New Voice of Public Health



The Conference Committee invites you to submit a presentation for the 2006 Fall Public Health Conference, which will be held Sept. 26-28 in Topeka. The conference will focus on creating a common language for public health in communities and in the workforce. There will be approximately 20 breakout sessions to give you the opportunity to share your successes and innovative programs with a wide audience. Presentations need to be approximately one hour long.

The 2006 Conference goals are to:

- Share best practices to promote partnership in public health
- Increase effectiveness of public health leadership and management roles
- Increase public health workforce competency

Presentation selection will be based on the significance to population-based public health, relevance to conference goals, and interest to target audience. Topics to be considered include, but are not limited to, those that reflect the following KPHA sections and functions:

- Administrative Health
- Child/Family and Community Health
- Research and Evaluation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Infectious Disease
- Oral Health



➤ Tobacco, Substance Use, Mental Health

The Conference Program Committee reserves the right to select and schedule any accepted presentation at any time during the Conference. No honorarium will be given. Speakers will receive a one-day registration waiver on the day on which they present.

All proposals must be received by April 14. Incomplete proposals may not be reviewed. Please attach a biography and resume/vita to the Call for Presentations for all proposed presenters. Identify on the attached "Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals" sheet the core competencies that will be reflected in your presentation. Please submit to Cyndi Treaster at ctreaste@kdhe.state.ks.us. Contact Cyndi by e-mail or phone at call (785) 296-8113 if you have any questions.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2nd, Hutchinson 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 24 July 26 Sept. 27 Nov. 21

North Central Region: Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for location of each meeting. Dates are:

June 27 Aug. 22 Oct. 24 Dec. 19

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 8 Sept. 14 Dec. 14

Northwest Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. contact Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for a lunch reservation at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 8 Aug. 10 Oct. 12 Dec. 7

Southeast Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 W 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 3 Nov. 9

Southwest Region: Meetings are held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9th, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

July 14 Sept. 15 Nov. 17

TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

Medical Interpreter Training



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 – 9 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Riley County Health Department
2030 Tecumseh Road
Manhattan

SC Kansas – Wichita

June 26-30
Site location to be announced

For more information on Medical Interpreter Training or to register, contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108, or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail canders@jvskc.org.



Cultural Competency Training

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 – 11 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine -
Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room 1306
Wichita

NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 –14 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Board Room
Salina,

NE Kansas – Holton

May 24 – 25 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Head Start Building – Annie Laurie Johnson
Child & Family Development Center
130 S. Iowa
Holton
(Parking at First Baptist Church, 404 Juniper
Street)

For more information or to register, please contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail canders@jvskc.org.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:
May 11 Aug. 3 Nov. 2

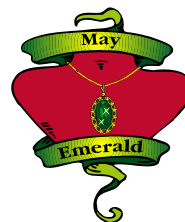
Billing Biddies meets 9 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:
June 7 Sept. 6 Dec. 6

Billers Anonymous meets 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:
May 10 Aug. 9 Nov. 8

Mission Impossible Group meets 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:
May 25 Aug. 24 Nov. 21

KUG's For more information, contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191 mmiller@satantahospital.org.

Billers-R-Us meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390.
July 11 Oct. 10



GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>



Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training>



KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training:

<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-296-3641 for assistance.

Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

Public Health Emergency Training

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media. Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sept. 2005

<http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/>

Area Health Education Centers



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore: <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

Risk Communication Courses:

<http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html> or in Spanish

<http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:
http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: online RN to BSN:
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program- <http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:
zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings
<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine – <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training – <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:
http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice: <http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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